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ABSTRACT

A study, the fourth in a series of annual surveys, examined the characteristics of new students enrolled in the Department of Adult Education at the University of the District of Columbia from the summer of 1982 through the spring of 1983. To obtain a profile of the students' personal backgrounds, educational objectives, and career goals, the researcher collected data from the existing application for admission form for graduate students at the university and from a project-developed questionnaire. Based on data concerning 23 of the 25 new students, the researcher found that the students are predominately black and female with a median age of 32 years. Most of them are first generation college students. Thirty-nine percent of them are highly involved in one or more organizations; 12 are in jobs related to adult education; and most earn between $10,000 and $19,999 annually. A majority of the respondents chose the field of adult education because they felt it would afford them the opportunity to help others, and 74 percent of them plan to pursue a doctoral degree. (Appended to the report are the survey instrument and 48 tables of data summarizing the data collected during this and the previous three surveys.) (MN)

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INTRODUCTION

The Master of Arts degree in adult education was established within the Graduate Division of Community Education, Federal City College, in the Fall of 1968. At the time it was the only graduate program in adult and continuing education in the United States with a primary focus on urban adults, and teaching and working with the poor of urban minorities. Initially this program was financed by a grant of $110,000 from the U.S. Office of Education, in cooperation with the District of Columbia Public Schools, and was supported by a smaller second year grant with the stipulation that the program would be picked up by the college during the third year.

From its beginning the program objectives for the Department of Adult Education were as follows:

1. To provide a program that will serve to strengthen the liberal and specialized education of teachers and administrators of adult education and training programs.
2. To enable individuals in the program to gain extended experience in adult education programs in the District and to learn to create new programs to meet the educational needs of adults in the District.

3. To provide, through the Master of Arts in Adult Education degree, a career ladder for individuals not presently employed in the field of adult education, and upward mobility opportunity for those in lower level positions in the field.
4. To provide a model degree program at the M.A. level in adult education which will serve as a prototype for other urban institutions of higher education.

This study is a part of a continuing effort to obtain useful information concerning students admitted to the Department of Adult Education. This study was concerned with obtaining information from new students who were admitted as regular students in the Department of Adult Education during the period from Summer of 1982 through the Spring Semester of 1983. This study will be of a continuing nature and will be pursued over several years.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

This study, the fourth in the series, was concerned with obtaining descriptive and other useful information pertaining to new students enrolled in the Department of Adult Education of the University of the District of Columbia from the Summer of 1982 through the Spring of 1983. It provides a general profile of the new students in this period as well as some insight concerning their reason for entering the program and their professional goals.

The information obtained is valuable in that it gives the faculty members a more complete descriptive picture of the characteristics of the new students. The study provides base-line data for future studies. In addition, the information will be helpful in making administrative and programmatic decisions to better serve the new students.

SPECIFIC INFORMATION OBTAINED

From the student's Application for Admission form the following information was obtained: sex, ethnic background, age, place of birth, country of citizenship, marital status, resident location, military service, student status, educational background, awards and honors received, publications written and their intentions to apply for financial aid.

A "New Student Questionnaire" was designed to obtain the following information concerning the new students:

1. Years since the student last participated in a formal learning experience
2. Highest educational level completed by parents
3. Father's type of occupation
4. Number of children by age groups
5. Who student lives with
6. Current employment status
7. Job description and employer
8. Whether current job is related to adult education
9. Annual salary rate
10. Whether spouse is employed
11. Primary purpose for attending the University
12. Reasons for entering the adult education program

13. How student first learned of the adult education program
14. How they generally get to and from classes
15. Kinds of help needed for graduate study
16. Preferred class hours
17. Degree of support received from other people
18. Highly involved membership in organizations
19. Expectations to pursue a doctoral degree
20. Professional goal

METHODOLOGY

Subjects

This study included all new students registered as regular students in the Department of Adult Education of the University of the District of Columbia for the Summer Session of 1982, Fall Semester of 1982, and the Spring Semester of 1983.

Instruments

The existing Application for Admission form for graduate students at the University of the District of Columbia was used to obtain general student information (See Appendix A). A questionnaire designed by the researcher was used to obtain additional information from the new students (See Appendix B).

Procedures

The researcher prepared a special form for recording the desired information from the Application for Admission form. This general information was coded in preparation for the computer.

A specially prepared questionnaire was prepared by the researcher to obtain the additional information desired from the new students. It had been used in previous studies.

The questionnaire was sent to each new student or given to them at the new student orientation session with a cover letter requesting that they complete it and return it to the Department of Adult Education or to give it to one of the adult education instructors at a class session. (See Appendix C for the cover letter).

Ten new students promptly returned their questionnaire. Eleven students returned their questionnaire after receiving a reminder letter. (See Appendix D). A second follow-up included another questionnaire and return envelope with a cover letter. (See Appendix D). This prompted two more returns.

The researcher received a questionnaire from twenty three of the twenty five new students enrolled during the Summer, Fall and Spring Semesters, 1982-83. The response rate was therefore 92 percent.

After the questionnaires were received information concerning the job and employer were coded. The Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor was used as the basis for categorizing jobs. The following categories were used for coding employers:

Government sponsored

Public School System

Government sponsored (continued)

- Community/Junior College
- Four-year College/University
- City Agency
- County Agency
- State Agency (Washington, D.C.)
- Federal Agency
- Other governmental unit or combination

Non-government sponsored

- Business or industrial firm
- Labor organization
- Independent College/University
- Independent school
- Religious organization
- Other non-governmental organization

Self employed

Unemployed (retired, student, etc.)

The data was then typed into the computer and the Statistical Package for the Social Science program was used to tabulate and analyze the data.

FINDINGS

Although the data was tabulated for each semester and the Summer Session, because the number of new students for each period was rather small (4 in the Summer Session, 13 in the Fall Semester and 8 in the Spring Semester) they will be combined for reporting and analysis. Detailed tables reporting all findings are located in Appendix E. In addition to the data for this, the 1982-83 study, the data for the 1979-80 (Fall Semester, 1979 and Spring Semester, 1980), 1980-81 (Summer Session, and Fall Semester, 1980 and Spring Semester, 1981 and 1981-82 (Summer Session, and Fall Semester, 1981 and Spring Semester, 1982) are also given in the Appendix.

Demographic Data

The following is a demographic description of the 25 new students who were enrolled in the adult education program in the Summer Session of 1982, the Fall Semester of 1982 and the Spring Semester of 1983. The information was obtained from the student's Application for Admission forms.

Sex

Nineteen (76 percent) of the new students were female and six (24 percent) were male.

Ethnic background

Twenty three (92 percent) were Black, and two were White

Age

The median age was 32 years old. The youngest new student was 23 and the oldest new student was 62 years old.

Place of birth

Nine (36 percent) of the new students were born in Washington, D.C. Twelve (48 percent) were born in states other than Maryland or Virginia.

Country of Citizenship

All but one new students were citizens of the United States.

Marital Status

Ten (40 percent) of the new students were single, ten (40 percent) were married, and two (8 percent) were divorced.

Residents

Twenty two (88 percent) were residents of the District of Columbia.

Veterans

Only two (8 percent) of the new students indicated that they were veterans.

Student Status

Fifteen (60 percent) of the new students were part-time students in that they enrolled in only one or two courses. Ten (40 percent) were full-time students enrolled in three or more courses.

Degrees completed

All new students had completed a bachelor's degree. The degree for six of the students was in the area of the social sciences. The degree for five of the students each was in the areas of education and public affairs and services. The rest were in a variety of areas.

Other education and training

Fifteen (60 percent) students indicated that they had participated in some type of education and training in addition to their degree program.

Awards and Honors

Eighteen (72 percent) indicated that they had received some award or honors.

Publications

Only three (12 percent) specified that they had written any publications.

Apply for financial aid

Thirteen students (52 percent) intended to apply for financial aid.

Questionnaire Data

The following information was obtained by a questionnaire given or sent to new students enrolled during the Summer Session, 1982, Fall Semester, 1982, and Spring Semester, 1983. Twenty three of the twenty five new students who enrolled during this period returned their questionnaire.

The first question in the questionnaire asked the new graduate student how long ago it had been since they had participated in a formal learning experience. Thirteen (56 percent) of the new students responding indicated that they had participated in a formal learning experience during the past year. It is believed that several of these students included their semester as a non-degree student prior to being formally admitted to our program. Only five of the new students indicated that it had been 3 or more years since they last participated in a formal learning experience.

We were also interested in knowing whether the new students were first generation college students or whether their parents also had attended college. It was found that only four fathers of the new students had received a bachelor's degree. One of them had a doctoral degree. Seven fathers had only graduated from high school.

Similarly, only six of their mothers had graduated from college with a bachelor's degree. Three of them had a master's degree.

The father's type of occupation was also asked for to determine if there was a relationship between it and their joining our program. For only three (13 percent) of the students the father's occupation was as a professional or semi-professional worker. Skilled or semi-skilled worker was the father's type of occupation for eight (35 percent) of the students.

Three questionnaire items were designed to provide information concerning children, who they lived with, and their high involvement in organizations. Thirteen (57 percent) of the respondents had children. Four had children age 5 or less. Seven had children between 6 and 12 years of age. Six had children between 13 and 18 years of age. No one had children between 19 and 24 years of age. Eight had children age 25 or more. The thirteen students with children had a mean of 1.9 children.

Seven (30 percent) new students live alone, seven (30 percent) live with their spouse, and seven (30 percent) live with their children.

Five (22 percent) of the students are an officer, committee chairperson, or highly involved member of one organization. Fourteen (61 percent) did not indicate they were highly involved in any organization. Four (17 percent) are highly involved in three or more organizations.

Current employment was another area of interest. Twelve (52 percent) are employed full-time, eight (35 percent) are employed part-time, and two are unemployed.

Six (26 percent) new students are in educational occupations. Six (26 percent) are in social and welfare work. Others are in a variety of occupations.

Six new students are employed by a federal agency, four by a state government agency.

Of the twenty three new students who were employed, full or part-time, six indicated their present job was directly related to adult education and six indicated it was indirectly related.

Of the twenty two students who indicated their annual salary category, thirteen earn $10,000 to $19,000. Five earned $20,000 or over, while four earned less than $10,000.

Of the ten students who are married, eight of the spouses are employed full-time, two are not employed.

A university publication was the most frequent way in which new students learned about our adult education program. Thirteen (57 percent) learned about our program in this way. Seven students (30 percent) indicated that they learned about our program from a friend.

Seventeen (74 percent) of the students generally drive a private car to get to and from classes. Eight students also use a metro bus.

Students were asked to indicate their primary purpose for attending the University of the District of Columbia. Six (26 percent) students indicated their primary purpose was preparation for pursuing an advanced degree. For five students their primary purpose was preparation for getting an adult education job or entering a new field.

Students were then asked to indicate how important a selected list of possible reasons were for their decision to enter the adult education program. They indicated whether each possible reason was "not at all", "little", "somewhat", or "very" important to them. The students indicated that the two most important reason for entering the adult education program was that the field provides an opportunity to help people, and it will help them get an adult education position. These reasons were followed by the tuition was low and the program was recommended to them.

The three least important reasons for entering the adult education program were: (1) friends were taking courses, (2) it meets the requirements or expectations of my employer or someone else in authority, and (3) it will help them get a promotion.

An effort was also made to determine if the students would prefer that some of their classes meet at times other than weekdays at 6:00 P.M. Fourteen (61 percent) of the students expressed a desire for some classes to meet on Saturday mornings (9 A.M. - Noon).

Thirteen (56 percent) expressed a desire for classes in the early evening (5:30 - 8:30 P.M.).

The degree to which the new student was supported or discouraged in their efforts to do graduate work by various individuals or groups was also sought. Of the twenty three students that responded, twelve indicated their parents strongly supports them and in three cases the parents supported them somewhat. Eleven of the students were strongly supported by their friends. Relatives, spouses, children, employer and co-workers tend to be supportive. Neighbors tend to be more neutral.

An effort was also made to determine if the new student needed help as a graduate student in a number of selected areas. Fifteen (65 percent) of the students felt a need for help in speed reading. Eleven (48 percent) felt a need for help in preparing term papers.

Of the twenty three new students responding, seventeen indicated that they probably or definitely expected to pursue a doctoral degree. Four were uncertain and two indicated

they probably would not.

The students were also asked to indicate their professional goal. Seven students indicated their goal was to be an administrator, manager, or program director. A variety of goals were expressed by the other students.

SUMMARY

This study is a continuation of an effort to obtain useful information concerning the characteristics of new students admitted to the Department of Adult Education. Its purpose was to provide descriptive information, establish baseline data for future studies, and to obtain information helpful in making administrative and programmatic decisions concerning new students.

This study included all persons admitted as regular students in the adult education program for the Summer Session of 1982, Fall Semester of 1982, and Spring Semester of 1983.

The data was obtained from the Application for Admission form and by a questionnaire designed by the researcher.

The results of the study reveal that the twenty five students admitted during the period are predominately Black, female and with a median age of 32. All but one are American citizens. An equal number are single and married. Most are D.C. residents, and part-time students. All new students had bachelor's degrees, most of which were in the areas of the social sciences, public affairs and services or education. Three fifths had participated in some type of education and

training in addition to their degree programs and many had received some awards or honors. Only three indicated that they had written any publications. Fifty two percent planned to apply for financial aid.

Responses to the special questionnaire revealed the following key findings:

Most students are first generation college students, who's fathers were skilled or semi skilled workers (35 percent). Fifty seven percent of the new students had children. Thirty nine percent of the new students are an officer, committee chairperson, or highly involved member of one or more organizations.

Twelve of the new students are employed full-time and eight part-time. Twelve are in jobs that are directly or indirectly related to adult education. Most have annual salaries between $10,000 and $19,999.

The new students learned about our adult education program from a variety of sources, although the most frequent sources were university publication and friends.

The primary purpose for attending the University of the District of Columbia was preparation for pursuing an advanced degree. The most important reasons for selecting the adult education program was that the field provided them with the

opportunity to help people, and it will help them get an adult education position.

There was interest expressed for some classes to meet on Saturday mornings and early evenings (5:30 - 8:30 P.M.) on weekdays.

In general, the new students felt they were supported by various groups in their efforts to do graduate work.

Nearly every student felt a need for some help as a graduate student. The areas of help most frequently desired were: speed writing, preparing term papers, and test-taking skills.

Seventy-four percent of the new students indicated that they probably or definitely expected to pursue a doctoral degree. A variety of professional goals were expressed by the students.

DISCUSSION

Each of the findings suggest certain meanings or implications for the Department of Adult Education of the District of Columbia. Other faculty and administrators of the University may find the study valuable as they consider the characteristics of one group of new students entering the University of the District of Columbia.

The faculty of the Department of Adult Education now has an accurate picture of many of the characteristics of their new students enrolled during the eight semesters and three Summer Sessions studied. In some cases the findings reinforces what was already known. Teachers must keep in mind that most of the new students are Black, and middle age. Many are married, have children, and most are part-time students who are employed.

As was indicated earlier similar data had been obtained for new students entering the adult education program during the three previous years. This data is also given in the Tables in the Appendix. Twenty five new students registered during the 1979-80 period, twenty nine during the 1980-81 period, and fourteen during the 1981-82 period, compared to

twenty five during the 1982-83 period of this current study.

The four studies do not provide sufficient data to establish any definite trends. However, there are some differences between the four periods.

The differences between the four periods will need to be analyzed with data from future studies to determine if the differences are part of a trend or if they are unique for these time periods.

APPENDIX A

Application for Admission Form

UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
SCHOOL OF GRADUATE STUDIES

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

The following should be sent ot the Coordinator, Graduate Admissions, University of the District of Columbia, 929 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004. Deadline for receiving application for Fall Semester is July 1, for Spring Semester is November 1 and for Summer Session is April 1.

1. Completed application form.
2. Complete official undergraduate and graduate transcripts from accredited college or universities attended.
3. Two letters of recommendation on enclosed forms—one of which should be from a professor under whom applicant has studied.
4. All applicants with international credentials must submit the results of the ETS-TOEFL.
5. Additional Requirements as determined by departments. (Students are advised to check with major department for additional requirements.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

NAME _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NO. _____

PRESENT ADDRESS _____ ZIP CODE _____

PERMANENT ADDRESS _____ ZIP CODE _____

TELEPHONE: HOME _____ WORK _____ SEX: M___ F___ ETHNIC BACKGROUND _____ (Optional)

AGE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____ PLACE OF BIRTH _____

COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP _____ MARITAL STATUS: SINGLE ___ MARRIED ___ DIVORCED ___ or

WIDOWED ___ VISA STATUS _____ D.C. RESIDENT: YES___ NO___ VETERAN: YES___ NO ___

PERSON TO NOTIFY IN CASE OF EMERGENCY _____

TELEPHONE _____ ADDRESS _____ RELATIONSHIP _____

DEGREE APPLIED FOR _____ MAJOR OR FIELD _____

SEMESTER BEGINNING: FALL 19____ SPRING 19____ SUMMER 19____ FULL TIME ____ PART TIME____

APPENDIX B

Questionnaire

STUDY OF NEW STUDENTS
of the
DEPARTMENT OF ADULT EDUCATION
University of the District of Columbia

INSTRUCTIONS: Please answer all questions that apply to you. Most questions can be answered with an "X" or by circling a number. Feel free to add additional comments.

Code: _____

1. HOW MANY YEARS HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU LAST PARTICIPATED IN A FORMAL LEARNING EXPERIENCE?

(24)

_____1. Within past year
_____2. Between 1 - 2 years
_____3. Between 3 - 4 years
_____4. Between 5 - 9 years
_____5. 10 or more years ago

2. WHAT IS THE HIGHEST EDUCATIONAL LEVEL COMPLETED BY YOUR PARENTS? If you are not sure, give your best guess. (Circle number).

(25-26)

		Father	Mother
A.	None or less than 8 grades	1	1
B.	Grade school (8th grade)	2	2
C.	Some High School but did not graduate	3	3
D.	High School graduate (12th grade)	4	4
	Vocational, trade, business, or career program		
E.	Less than two years	5	5
F.	Two years or more	6	6
	Academic programs		
G.	Some College (Include two year degree)	7	7
H.	College graduate--Bachelor's degree	8	8
I.	Master's degree or equivalent	9	9
J.	Ph.D., Ed.D., or equivalent	10	10

3. WHAT IS, OR WAS, YOUR FATHER'S TYPE OF OCCUPATION? (If more than one, check predominate type).

(27)

_____1. Farmer
_____2. Unskilled worker
_____3. Skilled or semi-skilled worker
_____4. Clerical or sales worker
_____5. Managerial worker or self-employed
_____6. Professional or semi-professional worker
_____7. Other: (Specify)_____

4. HOW MANY CHILDREN DO YOU HAVE IN EACH AGE GROUP? (Circle number.)

	Age Group	Number of children					
(28)	A. Age 5 or less	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more
(29)	B. Age 6 - 12 years	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more
(30)	C. Age 13 - 18 years	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more
(31)	D. Age 19 - 24 years	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more
(32)	E. Age 25 or older	0	1	2	3	4	5 or more

5. WHO DO YOU LIVE WITH? (Check all that apply.)

(33) _____A. With parent(s)
(34) _____B. With spouse
(35) _____C. With child (children)
(36) _____D. With brothers or sisters
(37) _____E. With other relatives
(38) _____F. With friend(s)
(39) _____G. Other: (Specify)_____
(40) _____H. No one -- live alone.

6. ARE YOU AN OFFICER, COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON, OR HIGHLY INVOLVED MEMBER OF ANY ORGANIZATION? IF SO, NAME THE ORGANIZATION AND GIVE YOUR POSITION.

	Name of organization	Position
(41)	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____
	_____	_____

7. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS?

(42)

_____1. Employed, full-time (Include self-employed)
_____2. Employed, part-time
_____3. Unemployed and seeking employment
_____4. Retired
_____5. Homemaker, not employed outside the home
_____6. Military, full-time active duty
_____7. Not employed and not seeking employment for reasons other than those listed above.
_____8. Other: (Specify)_____

8. DESCRIBE YOUR JOB. (If you have more than one job, describe your primary job. If you are not employed, describe your most recent job).

(43) Job Title:_____

Briefly describe the kind of work you usually do:

_____

_____

(44) Name of Employer:_____

9. IS YOUR PRESENT JOB RELATED TO ADULT EDUCATION? (If not currently employed, was your most recent job related to adult education?)

(45)

_____1. Yes, directly related
_____2. Yes, indirectly related
_____3. No, it is not related

10. PLEASE INDICATE YOUR APPROXIMATE ANNUAL SALARY RATE (GROSS--BEFORE TAXES AND DEDUCTIONS): (If not currently employed, give your annual salary in your last job).

(46)

_____1. $ 0 - $ 4,999
_____2. 5,000 - 9,999
_____3. 10,000 - 14,999
_____4. 15,000 - 19,999
_____5. 20,000 - 24,999
_____6. 25,000 - 29,999
_____7. 30,000 - 34,999
_____8. 35,000 - or more

11. IF YOU ARE MARRIED, IS YOUR SPOUSE EMPLOYED? (Check one.) If not married, go to the next question.

(47) _____1. Yes, employed full-time
_____2. Yes, employed part-time
_____3. No, not employed at present

12. HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT OUR ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM? (Check all that apply.)

(48) _____A. University newspaper ad
(49) _____B. Present or former student
(50) _____C. Employer or supervisor
(51) _____D. Coworker or other employee
(52) _____E. Friend
(53) _____F. Adult Education Department faculty member
(54) _____G. Other University faculty or staff
(55) _____H. University publication (catalog)
(56) _____I. TV or radio announcement or program
(57) _____J. Other: (Specify)_____
(58) _____K. Don't remember

13. HOW DO YOU GENERALLY GET TO AND FROM CLASSES? (If more than one means is used, check all that are used.)

(59) _____A. Drive private car
(60) _____B. Ride with someone else (car pool)
(61) _____C. Metro bus
(62) _____D. Walk
(63) _____E. Bicycle
(64) _____F. Motorcycle or moped
(65) _____G. Taxi
(66) _____H. Subway
(67) _____I. Other: (Specify)_____

14. AS YOU SEE IT NOW, WHAT IS YOUR PRIMARY PURPOSE FOR ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA? (Check one).

(68)

_____1. Preparation for getting an adult education job or entering a new field
_____2. To update or improve skills or competencies for my current job
_____3. To meet the requirements or expectations of my employer
_____4. To support advancement or promotion in my present job
_____5. To explore a new career or academic area
_____6. Preparation for pursuing an advanced degree
_____7. For general interest or self-enrichment
_____8. Other: (Specify)_____

15. HOW IMPORTANT WAS EACH OF THE FOLLOWING POSSIBLE REASONS FOR YOUR DECISION TO ENTER THE ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAM? (Circle number).

		Degree of Importance			
		Not at all	Little	Some-what	Very
(69)	A. Friends were taking courses	1	2	3	4
(70)	B. It will help me improve in my present job	1	2	3	4
(71)	C. The program was recommended to me	1	2	3	4
(72)	D. It will help me qualify for a salary increase in my present job	1	2	3	4
(73)	E. I want to work with mature students	1	2	3	4
(74)	F. It will help me get an adult education position	1	2	3	4
(75)	G. The tuition was low	1	2	3	4
(76)	H. The field provides an opportunity to help people	1	2	3	4
(77)	I. It meets the requirements or expectations of my employer or someone else in authority	1	2	3	4
(78)	J. It will help me get a promotion	1	2	3	4
(79)	K. Other: (Specify)_____				
	_____	1	2	3	4

16. ALTHOUGH MOST OF OUR CLASSES NOW MEET WEEKDAYS AT 6:00 P.M. INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WOULD PREFER THAT SOME CLASSES MEET AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TIMES? (Check each one.)

	Yes	No	
(80)	_____	_____	Weekdays, in the morning (9:00 A.M. - Noon)
(81)	_____	_____	Weekdays, early afternoon (1:00 - 4:00 P.M.)
(82)	_____	_____	Weekdays, late afternoon (4:00 - 7:00 P.M.)
(83)	_____	_____	Weekdays, early evening (5:30 - 8:30 P.M.)
(84)	_____	_____	Weekdays, late evening (7:30 - 10:00 P.M.)
(85)	_____	_____	Saturday morning (9:00 A.M. - Noon)
(86)	_____	_____	Saturday afternoon (1:00 - 4:00 P.M.)
(87)	_____	_____	Other: (Specify)_____

17. HOW MUCH DO YOU FEEL THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE SUPPORT OR DISCOURAGE YOUR EFFORTS TO DO GRADUATE WORK?

		Supports		Neutral	Discourages		Not applicable
		Strongly	Somewhat		Somewhat	Strongly	
(88)	A. Wife/husband	1	2	3	4	5	6
(89)	B. Parents	1	2	3	4	5	6
(90)	C. Children	1	2	3	4	5	6
(91)	D. Relatives	1	2	3	4	5	6
(92)	E. Neighbors	1	2	3	4	5	6
(93)	F. Friends	1	2	3	4	5	6
(94)	G. Employer	1	2	3	4	5	6
(95)	H. Co-workers	1	2	3	4	5	6

18. AS A GRADUATE STUDENT, DO YOU FEEL A NEED FOR HELP IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS? (Check all that apply.)

(96)	_____A. Study skills	(102)	_____G. Preparing term papers
(97)	_____B. Use of library	(103)	_____H. Speed reading
(98)	_____C. Time management	(104)	_____I. Writing skills
(99)	_____D. Reading skills	(105)	_____J. Listening skills
(100)	_____E. Note-taking	(106)	_____K. Test-taking skills
(101)	_____F. Giving oral reports	(107)	_____L. Other: Specify) _____

19. DO YOU EVER EXPECT TO PURSUE A DOCTORAL DEGREE?

(108)
_____1. Yes, definitely
_____2. Yes, probably
_____3. Uncertain
_____4. No, probably not
_____5. No, definitely not

20. WHAT IS YOUR PROFESSIONAL GOAL? (Check one.)

(109)
_____1. Teacher or instructor
_____2. Counselor
_____3. Training or staff development specialist
_____4. Extension agent
_____5. Administrator, manager, or program director
_____6. Supervisor
_____7. Director of training/education, Training director, Human Resource Developer
_____8. Program planning specialist, Curriculum developer
_____9. Consultant
_____10. Labor educator
_____11. College or University professor
_____12. Researcher
_____13. Other: (Specify)_____
_____14. Goal is uncertain
_____15. Goal is not in the field of adult education

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE.

PLEASE RETURN IT PROMTLY TO:

Department of Adult Education
University of the District of Columbia
2565 Georgia Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20001

APPENDIX C

Cover Letter

University of the
District of Columbia

2565 GEORGIA AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001
202-673-7142

DEPARTMENT OF ADULT EDUCATION

Dear

I am conducting a study of our new students in the Department of Adult Education.

We want to know more about you -- your family, employment, reasons for entering our program, help needed, goals, etc. Our aim is to obtain information that will help us know our new students better so we can better meet their needs.

Information from you will be kept confidential. The questionnaire has been coded to permit follow-up and for tabulation purposes.

Please complete the questionnaire, place it in the enclosed envelope, seal it, and return it to the Department of Adult Education office by next week. If you have a class in the Miner Building you may give it to your instructor.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Loren F. Goyen
Associate Professor
Adult Education Department

APPENDIX D

Follow-up Letters

University of the
District of Columbia

2565 GEORGIA AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001
202-673-7142

DEPARTMENT OF ADULT EDUCATION

Dear

THIS IS JUST TO REMIND YOU to please complete and return your questionnaire for the Study of New Students of the Department of Adult Education. It is important for us to obtain the information from all new students.

If you have misplaced your questionnaire, please call my office (673-7136) for another one.

If by chance your response is on the way, please excuse this reminder.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Loren F. Goyen

University of the
District of Columbia

2565 GEORGIA AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001
202-673-7142

DEPARTMENT OF ADULT EDUCATION

Dear

I know you are very busy but our study of new students in the Department of Adult Education cannot be completed without your questionnaire.

I have enclosed another copy of the questionnaire and a return envelope (since the first one you received has probably been misplaced).

As I indicated before, if you have a class in the Miner Building you may give the questionnaire to your instructor. They will see that I get it.

Your response is very important to us.

If your questionnaire is on the way, please disregard this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Loren F. Goyen
Associate Professor
Adult Education

APPENDIX E

Tables

TABLE 1.--Sex of new students

	1982-83*		1981-82**		1980-81***		1979-80****	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Male	6	24	2	14	14	48	6	24
Female	19	76	12	86	15	52	19	76
Total	25	100	14	100	29	100	25	100

TABLE 2.--Ethnic background of new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Black	23	92	11	79	25	86	23	92
White	2	8	2	14	2	7	1	4
Oriental	0	-	1	7	0	-	0	-
Spanish	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Other	0	-	0	-	2	7	1	4

TABLE 3.--Age of new students

	1982-83	1981-82	1980-81	1979-80
Median	32	33	32.8	35
Mean	34.5	34.3	37.7	35.84
Youngest	23	24	23	23
Oldest	62	60	65	57

*Totals for new students admitted during the Summer Session, 1982, Fall Semester of 1982 and Spring Semester, 1983.
**Totals for new students admitted during the Summer Session, 1981, Fall Semester of 1981 and Spring Semester, 1982.
***Totals for new students admitted during the Summer Session 1980, Fall Semester of 1980 and Spring Semester, 1981.
****Totals for new students admitted during the Fall Semester of 1979 and Spring Semester of 1980.

TABLE 4.--Place of birth of new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Washington, DC	9	36	7	50	8	29	12	48
Maryland	0	-	1	7	0	-	1	4
Virginia	1	4	1	7	1	3	1	4
Other state	12	48	4	29	16	56	10	40
Foreign country	1	4	1	7	3	10	0	-
Not reported	2	8	0	0	1	-	1	4

TABLE 5.--Country of citizenship of new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
U.S.A.	24	96	14	100	26	90	25	100
Other	1	4	0	-	3	10	0	-

TABLE 6.--Marital status of new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Single	10	40	7	50	13	45	10	40
Married	10	40	5	36	12	41	9	36
Divorced	2	8	2	14	2	7	4	16
Widowed	1	4	0	-	2	7	2	8
Separated	1	4	0	-	0	-	0	-
Not reported	1	4	0	-	0	-	0	-

TABLE 7.--Resident location of new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Washington, DC	22	88	11	79	23	79	22	88
Other	3	12	3	21	6	21	3	12

TABLE 8.--Military status of new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Veteran	2	8	1	7	6	21	3	12
Non-veteran	21	84	8	57	18	62	15	60
No response	2	8	5	36	5	17	7	28

TABLE 9.--Student status of new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Full-time								
(12 cr. hr.)	5	20	0	-	0	-	0	-
(9 cr. hr.)	5	20	1	7	9	31	4	16
Part-time								
(6 cr. hr.)	9	36	9	64	12	41	21	84
(3 cr. hr.)	6	24	4	29	8	28		

TABLE 10.--Degrees completed by new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Associate	0	-	0	-	0	-	3	12
Bachelor's	25	100	13	93	29	100	25	100
Master's	0	-	1	7	0	-	1	4
Doctor's	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Other	0	-	0	-	0	-	2	8

TABLE 11.--Participation in other education and training programs in addition to degree programs by new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
None	10	40	7	50	15	52	14	56
Yes	15	60	7	50	14	48	11	44

TABLE 12.--New students receiving awards or honors

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
None	7	28	5	36	16	55	13	52
Yes	18	72	9	64	13	45	12	48

TABLE 13.--New students writing publications

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
None	22	88	12	86	27	93	23	92
Yes	3	12	2	14	2	7	2	8

TABLE 14.--New students intentions to apply for financial aid

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	13	52	2	14	7	24	5	20
No	11	44	11	79	20	69	17	68
No response	1	4	1	7	2	7	7	12

TABLE 15.--Employment status of new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Employed								
Full-time	13	52	8	57	19	66	19	76
Part-time	6	24	3	21	6	21	2	8
Retired	3	12			1	3	0	-
Unemployed	1	4	2	14	0	-	3	12
No response	2	8	1	7	3	10	1	4

TABLE 16.--Undergraduate major for new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Biological science	1	4	0	-	1	3	1	4
Education	5	20	3	21	4	14	6	24
Fine and applied arts	0	-	2	14	1	3	1	4
Health professions	2	8	1	7	2	7	1	4
Home economics	0	-	0	-	0	-	2	8
Physical science	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	4
Psychology	1	4	2	14	1	3	1	4
Public affairs and services	5	20	3	21	5	17	4	16
Social sciences	6	30	1	7	10	34	5	20
Other	5	20	2	14	4	14	2	8
No response	0	-	0	-	1	3	1	4

TABLE 17.--Years since new students last participated in a formal learning experience

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Within past year	13	56	10	71	14	54	11	52
1 to 2 years	5	22	2	14	4	15	4	19
3 to 4 years	2	9	1	7	5	19	3	14
5 to 9 years	1	4	1	7	2	8	2	10
10 or more years	2	9	0	-	1	4	1	5

Notes: This and the following tables are based on the new students that responded to the questionnaire in each time period.

All fourteen new students responded that were admitted during the Summer Session of 1981, Fall Semester of 1981, and Spring Semester of 1982.

Twenty six new students responded out of the twenty nine admitted during the Summer Session of 1980, Fall Semester of 1980, and the Spring Semester of 1981.

Twenty one new students responded out of the twenty five admitted during the Fall Semester of 1979 and Spring Semester of 1980.

Percentage totals not equaling 100 are due to rounding.

TABLE 18.--Highest educational level completed by fathers of new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
None or less than 8 grades	2	9	1	7	2	8	2	10
Grade school	2	9	0	-	4	15	2	10
Some High School	3	13	1	7	6	23	4	19
High School graduate	7	30	6	43	4	15	6	29
Vocational, trade, business, or career program								
Less than 2 years	1	4	0	-	2	8	1	5
2 years or more	3	13	0	-	1	4	1	5
Academic programs								
Some college	1	4	4	29	1	4	1	5
College graduate	2	9	1	7	3	12	3	14
Master's degree	1	4	0	-	0	-	0	-
Ph.D., Ed.D., or equivalent	1	4	1	7	0	-	0	-
Not reported	0	-	0	-	3	12	1	5

TABLE 19.--Highest educational level completed by mothers of new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
None or less than 8 grades	1	4	1	7	4	15	1	5
Grade school	1	4	0	-	3	12	1	5
Some high school	2	9	0	-	5	19	2	10
High school graduate	5	22	3	21	9	35	8	38
Vocational, trade, business, or career program								
Less than 2 years	2	9	1	7	2	8	1	5
2 years or more	4	17	0	-	1	4	0	-
Academic programs								
Some college	1	4	7	50	0	-	6	29
College graduate	3	13	2	4	1	4	0	-
Master's degree	3	13	0	-	0	-	2	10
Ph.D., Ed.D., or equivalent	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Not reported	1	4	0	-	1	4	0	-

TABLE 20.--Father's type of occupation

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Farmer	1	4	0	-	3	12	0	-
Unskilled worker	2	9	0	-	1	4	2	10
Skilled or semi-skilled worker	8	35	3	21	8	31	8	38
Clerical or sales worker	1	4	2	14	1	4	0	-
Managerial worker or self-employed	4	17	1	7	4	15	4	19
Professional or semi-professional	3	13	5	36	4	15	6	29
Other	4	17	3	21	2	8	1	5
Not reported	0	-	0	-	3	12	0	-

TABLE 21.--Number of children of new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
None	10	43	5	36	13	50	5	24
One	8	35	4	29	3	12	8	38
Two	2	9	3	21	6	23	5	24
Three	0	-	2	14	1	4	2	10
Four	2	9	0	-	1	4	1	5
Five	1	4	0	-	1	4	0	-
Six	0	-	0	-	1	4	0	-
No response	2	9	0	-	0	-	0	-

TABLE 22.--Age of children of new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
5 or less	4	17	5	42	8	24	4	14
6 - 12 years	7	30	2	17	7	21	8	29
13 - 18 years	6	26	4	33	1	3	7	25
19 - 24 years	0	-	0	-	7	21	5	18
25 or more	8	35	1	8	10	30	4	14

TABLE 23.--Who new students live with

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Parents	4	17	1	7	3	12	2	10
Spouse	7	30	5	36	7	27	7	33
Child (Children)	7	30	7	50	3	12	11	52
Brothers/Sisters	0	-	1	7	1	4	0	-
Other Relatives	0	-	0	-	1	4	0	-
Friends	1	4	0	-	2	8	0	-
Other	2	9	0	-	2	8	2	10
No one -- live alone	7	30	4	29	10	38	4	19

TABLE 24.--Number of organizations which new students are an officer, committee chairperson, or highly involved member

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
None	14	61	6	43	15	58	7	33
One	5	22	3	21	7	27	9	43
Two	0	-	2	14	1	4	2	10
Three	1	4	1	7	2	8	2	10
Four or more	3	13	2	14	1	4	1	5

TABLE 25.--Current employment status of new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Employed								
Full-time	12	52	5	36	19	73	17	81
Part-time	8	35	6	43	6	23	2	10
Unemployed	2	9	3	7	0	-	1	5
Homemaker	1	4	0	-	0	-	0	-
No response	0	-	0	-	1	4	1	5

TABLE 26.--Relationship of present job of new students to adult education

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Directly related	6	26	6	43	8	31	8	38
Indirectly related	6	26	4	29	8	31	8	38
Not related	11	48	3	21	8	31	3	14
No response	0	-	0	-	1	4	1	5
Not applicable (unemployed)	0	-	1	7	1	4	1	5

TABLE 27.--Occupation of new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
I. Professional, technical, and managerial occupations								
A. Occupations in Education								
a. Administrator, supervisor, program director, etc.	2	9	3	21	3	12	2	10
b. Teacher, instructor, trainer, etc.	3	13	1	7	3	12	5	24
c. Other: counselor, writer, researcher, consultant	1	4	0	-	4	15	1	5
B. Occupations in social and welfare work (case-worker, social group worker, Director of Recreation Center, .)	6	26	0	-	2	8	1	5
C. Other professional, technical and managerial occupations	5	22	5	36	4	15	10	48
II. Clerical and Sales occupations	3	13	3	21	3	12	1	5
III. Service occupations	2	9	0	-	5	19	0	-
IV. Other	0	-	1	7	1	4	0	-
Unemployed	1	4	1	7	1	4	0	-
Not reported	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	5

TABLE 28.--Employer of new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Government sponsored								
Public School System	1	4	1	7	5	19	3	14
Community/Junior College	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	5
University	2	9	1	7	5	19	0	-
County Agency	0	-	0	-	2	8	0	-
State Agency (Includes Washington, D.C.)	4	17	1	7	2	8	6	29
Federal Agency	6	26	5	36	4	15	5	24
Other	3	13	0	-	0	-	0	-
Non-government								
Business	2	9	1	7	5	19	0	-
Labor organization	0	-	0	-	2	8	0	-
Religious organization	0	-	0	-	0	-	2	10
Other non-governmental organization	3	13	3	21	0	-	3	14
Unemployed	1	4	1	7	1	4	0	-
Self-employed	1	4	1	7	0	-	0	-
Not reported	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	5

TABLE 29.--Approximate annual salary of new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
$ 0 - $ 4,999	1	4	0	-	4	15	1	5
5,000 - 9,999	3	13	2	14	1	4	1	5
10,000 - 14,999	5	22	6	43	6	23	8	38
15,000 - 19,999	8	35	3	21	6	23	7	33
20,000 - 24,999	3	13	3	21	4	15	2	10
25,000 - 29,999	0	-	0	-	1	4	1	5
30,000 - 34,999	1	4	0	-	2	8	0	-
35,000 - or more	1	4	0	-	1	4	0	-
No response	1	4	0	-	1	4	1	5

TABLE 30.--Employment status of the spouse of new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Employed								
Full-time	8	35	5	36	3	12	5	24
Part-time	0	-	1	7	2	8	1	5
Not employed	2	9	0	-	3	12	1	5
No response	0	-	0	-	1	4	1	5
Not applicable	13	57	8	57	17	65	13	62

TABLE 31.--How new students learned about our adult education program

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
University newspaper ad	1	4	1	7	3	12	0	-
Present or former student	6	26	5	36	11	42	8	38
Employer or supervisor	0	-	2	14	0	-	1	5
Coworker or other employee	1	4	1	7	2	8	3	14
Friend	7	30	4	29	3	12	3	14
Adult Education Department faculty member	5	22	2	14	2	8	3	14
Other University faculty or staff	6	26	3	21	4	15	6	29
University publication	13	57	0	-	10	38	6	29
TV or radio	1	4	0	-	4	15	0	-
Other	1	4	2	14	1	4	2	10
Don't remember	0	-	1	7	1	4	1	11

TABLE 32.--How new students generally get to and from classes

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Drive private car	17	74	10	71	22	85	17	81
Ride with someone else (carpool)	1	4	0	-	4	15	1	5
Metro bus	8	35	7	50	8	31	4	19
Walk	0	-	1	7	1	4	0	-
Bicycle	0	-	1	7	0	-	0	-
Motorcycle	1	4	0	-	1	4	0	-
Taxi	1	4	0	-	1	4	0	-
Subway	1	4	4	29	4	15	1	5
No response	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	5

TABLE 33.--New student's primary purpose for attending the University of the District of Columbia

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Preparation for getting an adult education job or entering a new field	5	22	6	43	7	27	9	43
To update or improve skills or competencies for current job	2	9	1	7	3	12	2	10
To meet the requirements or expectations of employer	0	-	1	7	0	-	0	-
To support advancement or promotion in present job	0	-	1	7	3	12	1	5
To explore a new career or academic area	2	9	2	14	4	15	4	19
Preparation for pursuing advanced degree	6	26	0	-	2	8	4	19
For general interest or self-enrichment	2	9	0	-	1	4	0	-
Other	6	26	3	21	1	4	1	5
No response	0	-	0	-	5	19	0	-

TABLE 34.--Importance of possible reasons for entering the adult education program for new students admitted for the Summer Session, 1982, Fall Semester, 1982 and Spring Semester, 1983.

	Importance									
	Not at all		Little		Some-what		Very		No response	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Friends were taking courses	19	83	0	-	0	-	0	-	4	17
It will help me improve in my present job	9	39	4	17	4	17	3	13	3	13
The program was recommended to me	8	35	1	4	5	22	7	30	2	9
It will help me qualify for a salary increase in my present job	15	65	1	4	1	4	2	9	4	17
I want to work with mature students	8	35	0	-	6	26	6	26	3	13
It will help me get an adult education position	7	30	0	-	3	13	11	48	2	9
The tuition was low	8	35	1	4	2	9	9	39	3	13
The field provides an opportunity to help people	1	4	1	4	3	13	16	70	2	9
It meets the requirements or expectations of my employer or someone else in authority	18	78	0	-	0	-	1	4	4	17
It will help me get a promotion	17	74	1	4	1	4	1	4	3	13
Other	1	4	0	-	0	-	9	39	13	57

TABLE 35.--Importance of possible reasons for entering the adult education program for new students admitted for the Summer Session, 1981, Fall Semester, 1981 and Spring Semester, 1982.

	Importance									
	Not at all		Little		Some-what		Very		No response	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Friends were taking courses	11	79	1	7	0	-	2	14	0	-
It will help me improve in my present job	3	21	2	14	2	14	6	43	1	7
The program was recommended to me	5	36	3	21	2	14	4	29	0	-
It will help me qualify for a salary increase in my present job	4	29	3	21	5	36	2	14	0	-
I want to work with mature students	1	7	3	21	3	21	7	50	0	-
It will help me get an adult education position	2	14	1	7	3	21	7	50	1	7
The tuition was low	5	36	1	7	2	14	6	43	0	-
The field provides an opportunity to help people	0	-	2	14	5	36	7	50	0	-
It meets the requirements or expectations of my employer or someone else in authority	7	50	2	14	3	21	2	14	0	-
It will help me get a promotion	5	36	4	29	2	14	3	21	0	-
Other	0	-	0	-	0	-	2	14	12	86

Table 36.--Importance of possible reasons for entering the adult education program for new students admitted for the Summer Session, 1980, Fall Semester, 1980 and Spring Semester, 1981.

	Importance									
	Not at all		Little		Some-what		Very		No response	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Friends were taking courses	17	65	4	15	1	4	0	-	4	15
It will help me improve in my present job	4	15	1	4	9	35	8	31	4	15
The program was recommended to me	7	27	5	19	4	15	6	23	4	15
It will help me qualify for a salary increase in my present job	13	50	2	8	7	27	1	4	3	12
I want to work with mature students	2	8	2	8	9	35	11	42	2	8
It will help me get an adult education position	4	15	2	8	8	31	9	35	3	12
The tuition was low	8	31	1	4	8	31	7	27	2	8
The field provides an opportunity to help people	0	-	2	8	5	19	17	65	2	8
It meets the requirements or expectations of my employer or someone else in authority	11	42	4	15	4	15	3	12	4	15
It will help me get a promotion	13	50	4	15	4	15	2	8	3	12
Other	0	-	0	-	0	-	3	12	23	88

TABLE 37.--Importance of possible reasons for entering the adult education program for new students admitted for the Fall Semester, 1979 and Spring Semester, 1980

	Importance									
	Not at all		Little		Some-what		Very		No response	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Friends were taking courses	13	62	0	-	6	29	0	-	2	10
It will help me improve in my present job	6	29	3	14	5	24	7	33	0	-
The program was recommended to me	9	43	1	5	2	10	6	29	3	14
It will help me qualify for a salary increase in my present job	13	62	1	5	2	10	3	14	2	10
I want to work with mature students	7	33	2	10	2	10	9	43	1	5
It will help me get an adult education position	3	14	6	29	7	33	4	19	1	5
The tuition was low	6	29	0	-	7	33	5	24	3	14
The field provides an opportunity to help people	1	5	1	5	4	19	15	71	0	-
It meets the requirements or expectations of my employer or someone else in authority	13	62	5	24	1	5	0	-	2	10
It will help me get a promotion	10	48	2	10	4	19	4	19	1	5
Other	0	-	0	-	0	-	4	19	0	-

TABLE 38.--Preference for some class meeting times by new students admitted for the Summer Session of 1982, Fall Semester of 1982, and Spring Semester of 1983.

	Yes		No		No response	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Weekdays						
In the morning (9:00 A.M. - Noon)	6	26	16	70	1	4
Early afternoon (1:00 - 4:00 P.M.)	6	26	16	70	1	4
Late afternoon (4:00 - 7:00 P.M.)	8	35	14	61	1	4
Early evening (5:30 - 8:30 P.M.)	13	56	10	44	0	-
Late evening (7:30 - 10:00 P.M.)	6	26	16	70	1	4
Saturday						
Morning (9:00 A.M. - Noon)	14	61	8	35	1	4
Afternoon (1:00-4:00 P.M.)	10	44	12	52	1	4
Other	2	9	2	9	19	83

TABLE 39.--Preference for some class meeting times by new students admitted for the Summer Session of 1981, Fall Semester of 1981, and Spring Semester of 1982.

	Yes		No		No response	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Weekdays						
In the morning (9:00 A.M. - Noon)	2	14	9	64	3	21
Early afternoon (1:00 - 4:00 P.M.)	1	7	9	64	4	29
Late afternoon (4:00 - 7:00 P.M.)	3	21	7	50	4	29
Early evening (5:30 - 8:30 P.M.)	8	57	4	29	2	14
Late evening (7:30 - 10:00 P.M.)	4	29	6	43	4	29
Saturday						
Morning (9:00 A.M. - Noon)	9	64	5	36	0	-
Afternoon (1:00-4:00 P.M.)	4	29	7	50	4	29
Other	1	7	1	7	12	86

TABLE 40.--Preference for some class meeting times by new students admitted for the Summer Session of 1980, Fall Semester of 1980, and Spring Semester of 1981.

	Yes		No		No response	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Weekdays						
In the morning (9:00 A.M. - Noon)	5	19	18	69	3	12
Early afternoon (1:00 - 4:00 P.M.)	3	12	20	77	3	12
Late afternoon (4:00 - 7:00 P.M.)	7	27	15	58	4	15
Early evening (6:00 - 9:00 P.M.)	19	73	3	12	4	15
Late evening (7:30 - 10:00 P.M.)	6	23	15	58	5	19
Saturday						
Morning (9:00 A.M. - Noon)	11	42	12	46	3	12
Afternoon (1:00-4:00 P.M.)	9	35	13	50	4	15
Other	2	8	4	15	20	77

TABLE 41.--Preference for some class meeting times by new students admitted for the Fall Semester, 1979 and Spring Semester, 1980.

	Yes		No		No response	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Weekdays						
In the morning (9:00 A.M. - Noon)	5	24	9	43	7	33
Early afternoon (1:00 - 4:00 P.M.)	5	24	8	38	8	38
Late afternoon (4:00 - 7:00 P.M.)	8	38	7	33	6	29
Early evening (6:00 - 9:00 P.M.)	8	38	8	38	5	24
Late evening (7:30 - 10:00 P.M.)	5	24	8	38	8	38
Saturday						
Morning (9:00 A.M. - Noon)	10	48	5	24	6	29
Afternoon (1:00-4:00 P.M.)	8	38	6	21	7	33
Other	2	10	1	5	17	81

TABLE 42.--Support received for doing graduate work from various people by new students admitted in the Summer Session of 1982, Fall Semester of 1982, and Spring Semester of 1983.

	Supports						Discourages							
	Strongly		Somewhat		Neutral		Somewhat		Strongly		Not applicable		No response	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Wife/husband	7	30	1	4	2	9	0	-	0	-	11	48	2	9
Parents	12	52	3	13	4	17	0	-	1	4	3	13	0	-
Children	8	35	0	-	2	9	0	-	0	-	11	48	1	4
Relatives	10	44	2	9	3	13	0	-	0	-	6	26	2	9
Neighbors	5	22	1	4	4	17	0	-	0	-	11	48	2	9
Friends	11	48	6	26	3	13	0	-	1	4	1	4	1	4
Employer	5	22	4	17	2	9	1	4	1	4	8	35	2	9
Co-workers	8	35	4	17	2	9	1	4	1	4	5	22	2	9

TABLE 43.--Support received for doing graduate work from various people by new students admitted in the Summer Session of 1981, Fall Semester of 1981 , and Spring Semester of 1982

	Supports						Discourages							
	Strongly		Somewhat		Neutral		Somewhat		Strongly		Not applicable		No response	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Wife/husband	3	21	1	7	0	-	0	-	0	-	9	64	1	7
Parents	6	43	2	14	2	14	1	7	0	-	2	14	1	7
Children	4	29	2	14	2	14	0	-	0	-	6	43	0	-
Relatives	6	43	3	21	0	-	0	-	0	-	4	29	1	7
Neighbors	3	21	2	14	3	21	1	7	0	-	4	29	1	7
Friends	9	64	4	29	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	7	0	-
Employer	4	29	4	29	2	14	0	-	0	-	2	14	2	14
Co-workers	4	29	4	29	1	7	1	7	0	-	2	14	2	14

TABLE 44.--Support received for doing graduate work from various people by new students admitted in the Summer Session of 1980, Fall Semester of 1980, and Spring Semester of 1981

	Supports						Discourages							
	Strongly		Somewhat		Neutral		Somewhat		Strongly		Not applicable		No response	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Wife/husband	4	15	0	-	2	4	2	8	0	-	12	46	7	27
Parents	12	46	2	8	3	12	1	4	0	-	5	19	3	12
Children	6	23	0	-	3	12	2	8	0	-	10	38	5	19
Relatives	12	46	5	19	6	23	0	-	1	4	1	4	1	4
Neighbors	2	8	4	15	8	31	0	-	0	-	7	27	5	19
Friends	11	42	5	19	3	12	0	-	1	4	2	8	4	15
Employer	11	42	1	4	6	23	0	-	0	-	4	15	4	15
Co-workers	11	42	2	8	5	19	1	4	0	-	3	12	4	15

TABLE 45.--Support received for doing graduate work from various people by new students admitted in the Fall Semester, 1979 and Spring Semester, 1980

	Supports						Discourages							
	Strongly		Somewhat		Neutral		Somewhat		Strongly		Not applicable		No response	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Wife/husband	6	29	2	10	0	-	0	-	0	-	11	52	2	10
Parents	11	52	1	5	1	5	0	-	1	5	5	24	2	10
Children	6	29	1	5	5	24	2	10	0	-	7	33	0	-
Relatives	6	29	5	24	2	10	1	5	0	-	5	24	2	10
Neighbors	2	10	1	5	7	33	0	-	0	-	8	38	3	14
Friends	8	38	4	19	3	14	1	5	0	-	4	19	1	5
Employer	4	19	4	19	4	19	1	5	2	10	4	19	2	10
Co-workers	6	29	3	14	3	14	1	5	1	5	6	29	1	5

TABLE 46.--Areas that new students felt a need for help as graduate students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Study skills	5	22	4	29	3	12	4	19
Use of library	6	26	2	14	2	8	3	14
Time management	2	9	6	43	7	27	6	29
Reading skills	5	22	1	7	3	12	1	5
Note-taking	3	13	3	21	4	15	3	14
Giving oral reports	8	35	3	21	7	27	4	19
Preparing term papers	11	48	6	43	9	35	7	33
Speed reading	15	65	1	7	12	46	8	38
Writing skills	8	35	6	43	7	27	7	33
Listening skills	2	9	3	21	3	12	3	14
Test-taking skills	9	39	5	36	8	31	9	43
Other	1	4	1	7	0	-	1	5

TABLE 47.--Expectations to pursue a doctoral degree by new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Yes, definitely	9	39	4	29	4	15	3	14
Yes, probably	8	35	3	21	9	35	6	29
Uncertain	4	17	5	36	11	42	5	24
No, probably not	2	9	1	7	2	8	5	24
No, definitely not	0	-	1	7	0	-	2	10

TABLE 48.--Professional goals of new students

	1982-83		1981-82		1980-81		1979-80	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Teacher or instructor	2	9	3	21	2	8	1	5
Counselor	0	-	1	7	3	12	2	10
Training or staff development specialist	2	9	1	7	1	4	1	5
Extension agent	0	-	0	-	0	-	0	-
Administrator, manager, or program director	7	30	5	36	12	46	5	24
Director of training/ education, Training Director, Human Resource Developer	2	9	0	-	1	4	1	5
Program planning specialist, Curriculum developer	2	9	1	7	0	-	1	5
Labor educator	1	4	0	-	1	4	2	10
College or University professor	0	-	1	7	3	12	0	-
Other	5	22	1	7	2	8	2	10
Goal is uncertain	2	9	1	7	0	-	4	19
Goal is not in the field of adult education	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	5
No response	0	-	0	-	1	4	1	5